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Rural District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 74,865 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 5,222.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,661.

The Rateable Value is £ 16,549, which produces a Penny Rate, £67 : 16 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		82	42	40	15.7
Live Births	Legitimate	75	39	36	
	Illegitimate	7	3	4	
Still Births	Legitimate	2	2	0	23.8 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		75	34	41	14.3 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	2	24.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	26.6
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.
No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	8
„ Measles (all ages)	1
„ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	none
„ Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	none

Causes of Death were :—

Congenital Malformation	2	Influenza	5
Other Respiratory Disease	1	Other Digestive Disease	2
Tuberculosis	3	Diabetes	1
Pneumonia	4	Cerebral Haemorrharge	11
Bronchitis	5	Heart Disease	20
Cancer	8	Other Circulatory Diseases	2
Suicide	1	Acute & Chronic Nephritis	1
Measles	1	All other causes	8

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are:—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1943.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Iuspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	131
„ „ „ under Emergency War Duties ...	31
„ „ to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops	192
„ „ „ Shops Hours Act	38
„ „ „ Works in Progress	272
„ „ „ Housing Acts	43
„ „ „ Emergency Slaughters	3
„ Conversions to Water Carriage System	11
Drainage Systems Improved or Renewed	25
Drains Inspected and Tested	27
„ Found Satisfactory	20
„ „ Defective	7

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in this district.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public swimming baths or pools, and as Allerstsn Instructional centre is no longer in being, the pool orginially constructed for the trainees is no longer in use.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No houses either privately owned or Council houses have been found infested with beg bugs. Cases of flea infestation have been discovered and these have been dealt with by spraying with insecticide and fumigation.

Meat and other Foods.

With the exception of emergency slaughters all Meat is now slaughtered at a central Slaughter House under the control of the Ministry of Food, and situated outside this area. I have visited shops and examined meat on arrival in this area and have drawn the attention of the central slaughter house officials to a few items which had evidently escaped their notice. A comparatively small amount of tinned foods have been condemned

General.

There has been a marked increase in the number of applications to increase the £100 limit on works of improvement, reconditioning or repair but labour for jobbing work and small repairs is still difficult to obtain.

The water schemes supplied from sources in our own area have maintained their yield remarkably well, bearing in mind the mild and dry winter experienced, and the extra consumption in some villages caused by war conditions. Skilled and unskilled labour for maintenance of rams, mains and breakdown is at a premium, and on more than one occasion I have had to act as plumbers mate and labourer myself in order to attend to works of an urgent nature.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1943.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ..	56		1
Smallpox ...	none		none
Scarlet Fever ...	5	3	none
Diphtheria ...	none		none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid ...	none		none
Puerperal Fever ...	none		none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none		none
Pneumonia ...	none		none
Erysipelas ...	none		none
Whooping Cough ...	none		none

Cancer.

8 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 3 being males and 5 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1943 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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1 ...	...			. .	...	..		...
5 ...	...		1	...	...	...		...
15 ...	...			...	...	...		...
25 ...	...			...	...	...		...
35 ...	3			...	1	...		...
45 ...	...			...	...	...		...
55 ...	...			. .	...	1		...
65 & upwards	...			..	...	...		1
Totals ...	3		1	...	1	1		1

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

THOS. J. MUIR,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Rural District.